Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what are those suggestions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got the suggestions here. They have not been considered yet.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can the answer be supplied to me?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. I will show you these suggestions.

Vettikkadavu road —widening of.

2. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to item No. 9 in Appendix VI referring to question No. 44 dated 23rd January 1934, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why the amount of Rs. 500 provided for widening Vettikkadavu road was allowed to lapse;

(b) whether the above work has since then been taken up and completed; and if not,

(c) what is the reason for not completing the work for which necessary amount was provided in the budget for 1108?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) The Panchayat proposed the acquisition of portions of Survey Nos. 776, 775, 266, 267 of Palanji village for widening the narrow portions of roads near Palanji Bazaar and for making a straight connection to the Vettikkadavu road from Palanji bazaar road. Accordingly a sum of Rs. 500 was provided for in the budget of 1108 for payment of land acquisition charges.

The land acquisition proceedings had to be dropped on account of the complaints of the people affected by the acquisition. The acquisition from Survey No. 776 is through the centre of a valuable arecanut garden. The owner had complained that his compound will be cut in twin leaving his houses on one side of the road and his wells on the other and making it impossible for the inmates to water the garden or to enjoy the other benefits of the wells. It was considered not advisable to acquire the whole plot because the expenditure that would be required for this would be too great when compared with the purpose for which it is acquired.

In Survey Nos. 266 and 267 and 775 there are houses projecting into the road. The occupants of these houses objected that if these projecting portions were acquired and dismantled the other portions would be considerably affected and that they would not have sufficient accommodation for habitation.

In these circumstances, the amount was not utilised for the purpose for which it was originally intended. What was then considered necessary was repairs to this road.

(b) The acquisition proceedings have not since been taken up in view of the facts referred to in (a). But the repairs of the

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road have been taken up and the narrow portions of Vettikadavu road from Palanji bazaar have been improved by side wall works.

(c) Does not arise in view of answers to (a) and (b).

Labour Ward in Kunnamkulam Hospital—construction of.

3. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 54 dated 23rd January 1934, what steps have been taken to finish the work before the end of the year 1109; (Construction of a Labour Ward for Kunnamkulam Hospital)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work has been given on contract and it is expected that it will be finished before the end of the current year.

Masonry drain—Pazhanji Bazaar.

4. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to the answer to question No. 2 dated 22nd January 1934, will the Government be pleased to inform whether any further action has been taken to carry out the request made to the P. W. D. by the Cochin Road Board? (Masonry Drains—Pazhanji Bazaar).

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This was among the list of works placed before the Board meeting on 16th Medam 1109 for selecting the works for 1110; but the Board did not recommend it to be included in the 1110 budget for want of funds.

Spread of leprosy in Kunnamkulam—control—proposals for.

5. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answers including those given to supplementary questions:—

(a) whether the Director of Public Health has been asked to submit proposals as to what further should be done in his opinion to control spread of leprosy in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether a copy of his proposals be printed and placed on the table; and state

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The relevant extract from his report is given below:—"The only possible remedy to stop the spread of the disease is by segregating the patients and necessary accommodation and provision have to be made to segregate all such patients if at all an attempt in that direction is to be made".

(c) What is recommended by the Director of Public Health is being followed even now, so far as possible.

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